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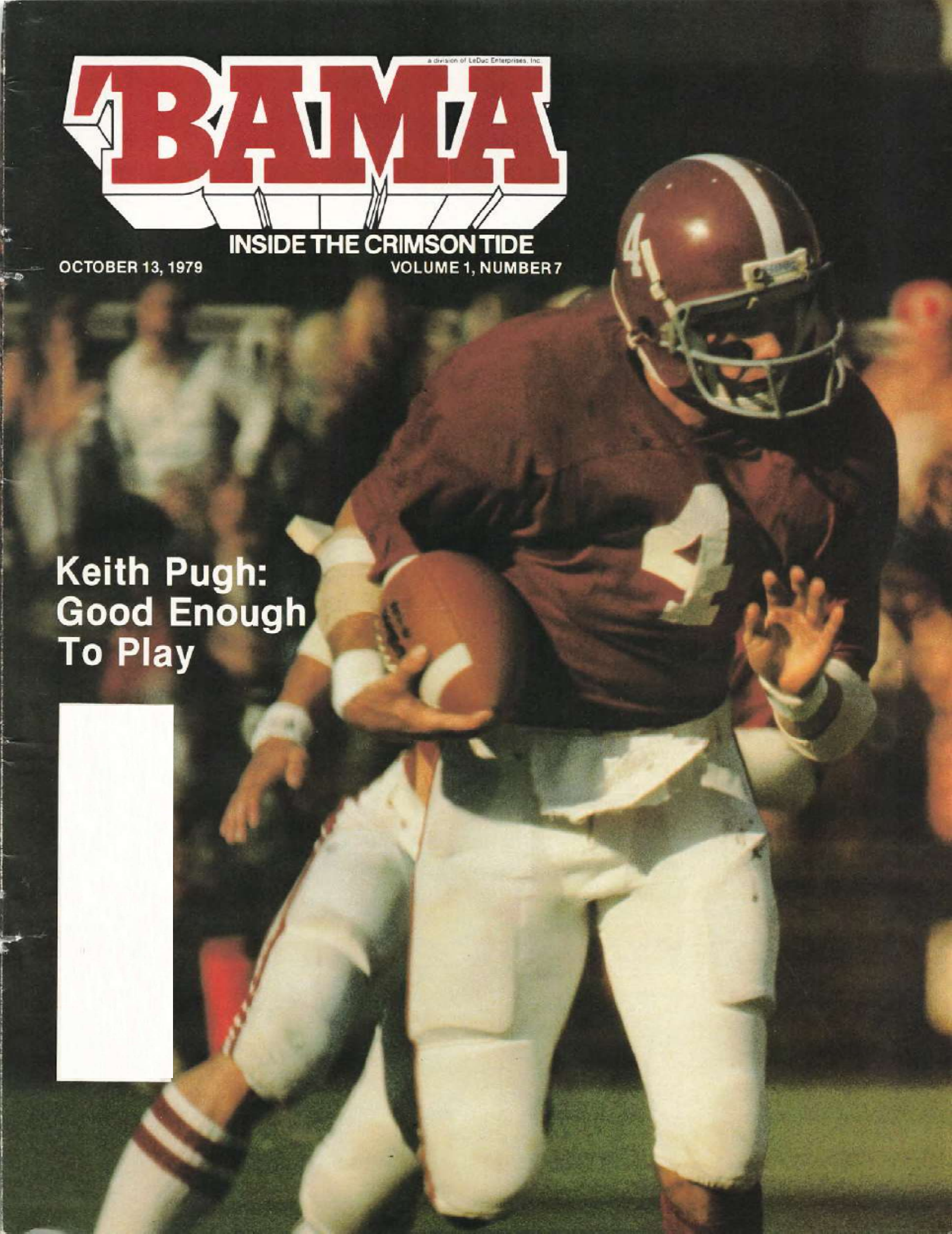

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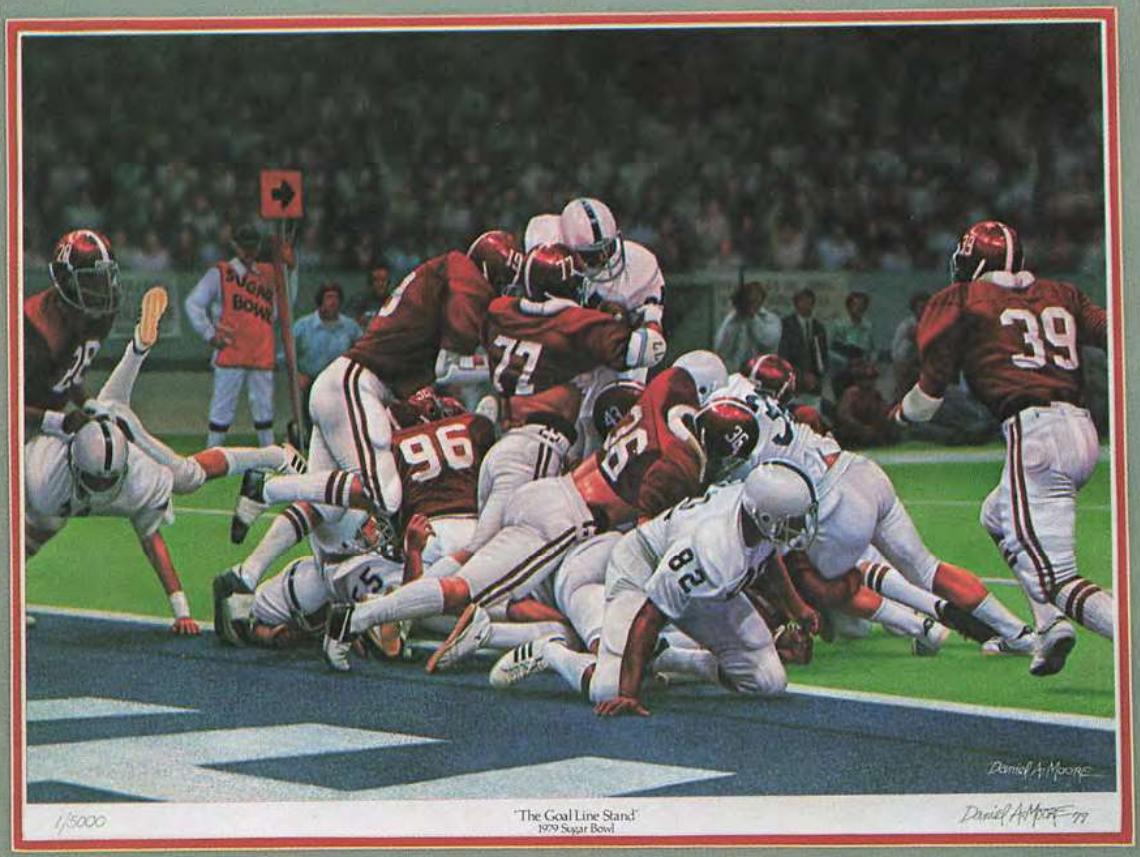

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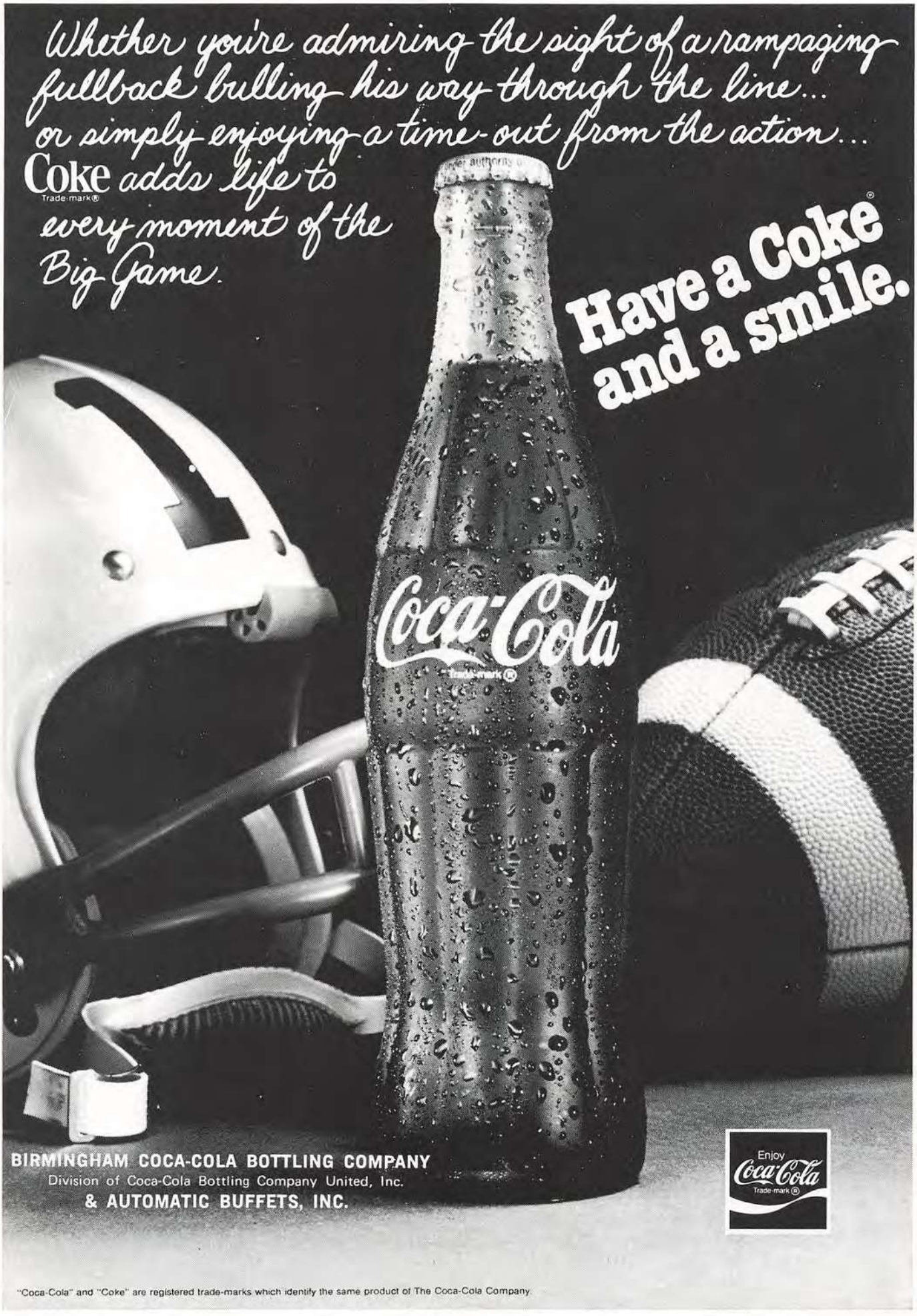
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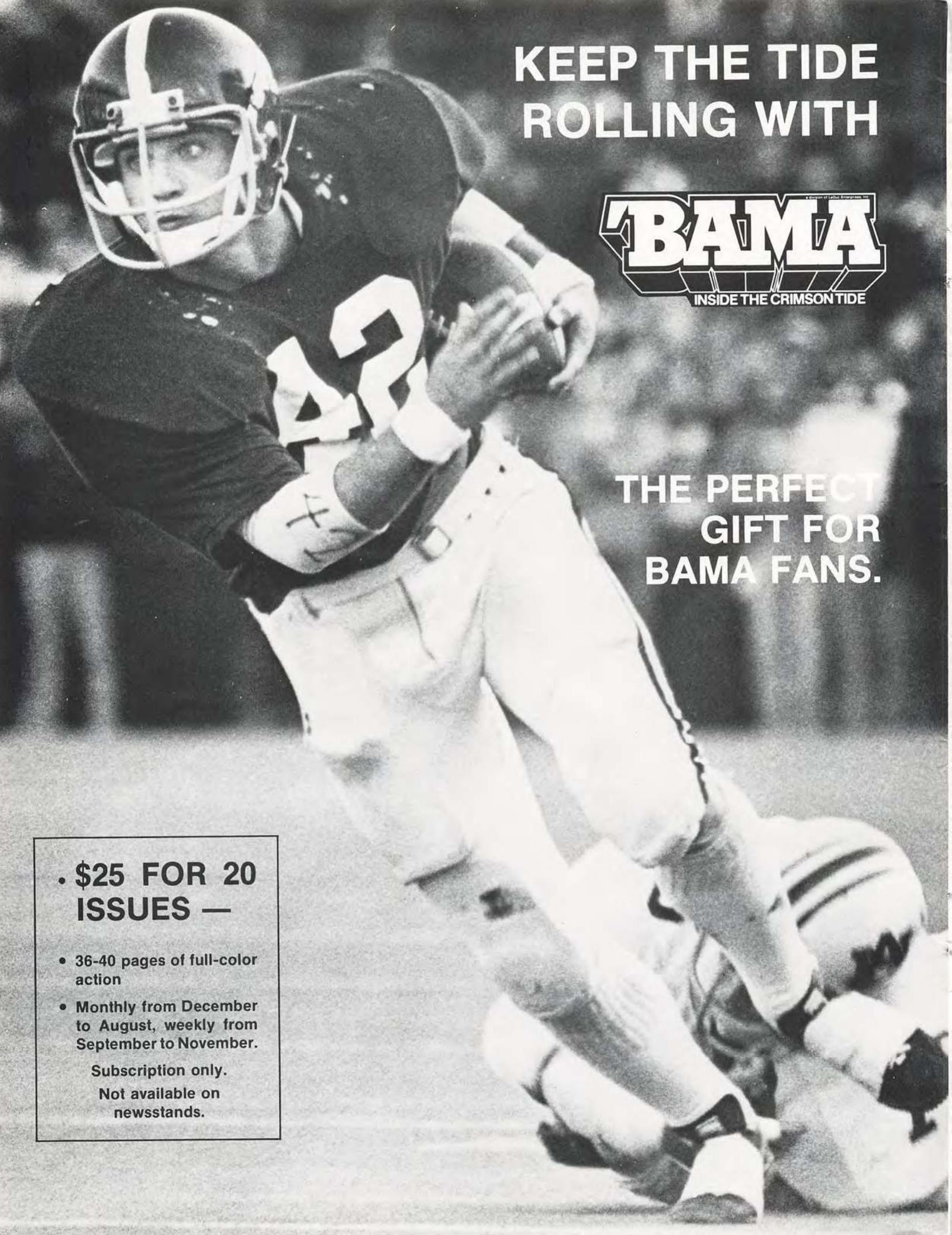
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WICHITA STATE WAS BETTER THAN ADVERTISED

by Kirk McNair

To the surprise of no one, Alabama rolled to a relatively easy victory without playing a particularly good game against Wichita State at Bryant-Denny Stadium Saturday. But surprising to the Alabama players and coaches was the performance of the visiting Shockers. They didn't roll over and play dead as the script might have called for. They played determined football with a good (albeit conservative) game plan for four quarters and became the first team this season to play Bama's backup players on just about an even basis.

It was 28-0 and the first team Bama offense provided all but three of the Crimson Tide points.

"That's the first team that's fought us," said Steadman Shealy, who passed for one Tide touchdown (the first passing touchdown of the year for Bama) and ran for two others. "They didn't give up. Every other team this year has gotten down and the second and third teams have come in and really done some mopping up. But Wichita State hung in there real well, really better than anyone we've played. And they got better as the game wore on."

Most Alabama players were very impressed with the Wichita State quarterback, running backs and tight end.

"I think that tight end (Kurt Vestman) is the best blocker we've played against this year," said Tide assistant coach Bill Oliver. "He made a great block on the long run they had down to the goalline."

It was Wichita State's scoring threat that provided most of the drama Saturday. Freshman Shocker quarterback Prince McJunkins found a weakness in the Alabama defense, successfully running several times at left end. On a third down and short yardage situation he exploited that run for 41 yards, getting bounced out of bounds just inside the Alabama one. The official who was to have marked the spot where McJunkins went out was knocked out of the play and another official had to come across the field. Films showed Sunday that he marked the ball within inches of where Jim Bob Harris drove McJunkins out of bounds. McJunkins and several others in the Wichita State camp thought that he had reached the end zone then, and possibly one or two other times. Films show that Alabama's defense held.

With the Shockers at the one yard line, the first defense was dispatched to action and the heretofore quiet stands came to life. Undoubtedly any Bama goalline stand opportunity for years to come will trigger memories — as Saturday's did — of the January 1st goalline stand against Penn State in the Sugar Bowl for the national championship.

Warren Lyles, Curtis McGriff, Byron Braggs and David Hannah were the men in the middle who prevented penetration by Wichita State. Braggs made the first tackle. Randy Scott and McGriff made the second stop. On third down Scott went over the top and Wayne Hamilton came in from below to make the tackle for a slight loss. Wichita State called time out. Three quarterback sneaks had gained nothing. McJunkins then tried left end, but this time it was no go. E. J. Junior made the initial hit, Thomas Boyd wrapped him up and caused a fumble, and Ricky Tucker pounced on the football.

"McGriff came into the huddle on first down and said 'You know they're going to run right at us. Let's let this center wake up on about the ten-yard line,' " said

At left, Alabama linebacker Randy Scot (50) and safety Jim Bob Harris move in to make the stop on Wichita State tailback Tony Newry. At right, sophomore Bama running back Mark Nix breaks for daylight.

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Alabama noseguard Warren Lyles (91) gets a hand on Wichita State quarterback Prince McJunkins' jersey (above), and the result is a stretched and torn jersey and a loss of five yards for the Shockers.

—Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

Lyles. "I think every man on the team said to himself 'they're just not getting past me.' I wanted to be a part of the last goalline stand, but I was hurt. Obviously this one wasn't as important as the one in the Sugar Bowl, but it was good for our pride to hold them out. It's a good feeling to stop a team from scoring when they've got four downs to get one yard. It takes every man doing his job. If eleven individuals do their assigned jobs you have an effective team, and that's what we want."

"We heard that goose calling," said Braggs. "We've given up a last second pass for a touchdown and a long field goal, which is how close we've been to having four goose eggs. We're probably not going to stop everyone we play from scoring, but we're sure going to try. As coach Bryant says, if they don't score we can't lose."

Although some voters in the national polls may have been more impressed had Bama scored more points, the shutout keeps the Tide leading the nation in scoring defense. Alabama's national averages in scoring, rushing offense and total offense — all No. 1 going into the game — suffered.

One thing that helps Bama in the polls is that it was something of a Patsy Week among the nation's top football teams. Southern Cal, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska, the Tide's top competition for the national crown, all had weak opponents which meant that national attention was focused on the group rather than singling out the Alabama-Wichita State mismatch.

Wichita State did not come to Tuscaloosa to play sacrificial lamb. The Shockers' athletics director, Ted Bredheoft, said "we wouldn't want to play Alabama every Saturday, but we're trying to upgrade our schedule. We have Arkansas, SMU and Tennessee coming on our schedule over the next couple of years and we hope to have at least a few of the name teams on our schedule each year in order to build up our following." Between 300 and 350 fans followed the Shockers to Tuscaloosa. He said that the guarantee from Alabama for playing the game "is somewhat larger than normal, but that wasn't the prime consideration. The name 'Alabama' was."

Undoubtedly the Shockers can use the money. When McJunkins' jersey was ripped in the second quarter, he spent the next few minutes on the sidelines as student managers sewed it up with a shoestring. Later it was torn again and McJunkins had to change jerseys, going from No. 1 to No. 7. There's a temptation to say

Although Wichita State had two weeks to get ready for Alabama, the Shockers did not have a surprise offense for the Tide. Wichita State played it close to the vest. The Shockers tried only seven passes (only one was completed), although about 10 more pass plays were called and became either sacks or scrambles. Coach Bryant was asked before the game what he would do if he had Wichita State's team going against Alabama. "I've had some bad teams and what you ordinarily do in that situation is play conservatively and if you don't make mistakes you might have a chance to win. But what I'd probably do," he said with a grin, "is pull out every trick play known to man." Afterwards he complimented Wichita State head coach Jeff Jeffries for having "stuck to his knitting." Coach Jeffries' background is primarily as a defensive coach and the conservatism of the offense was typical of his teams.

Alabama players talked a good pregame, insisting that they weren't taking Wichita State lightly despite the fact that everyone else was. The Bama assistant coach in charge or preparing the Wichita State scouting report was K. J. Lazenby, who was a member of the Tide team that nearly ended the Bryant-Denny Stadium winning streak at 32 against Florida State in 1974. That streak has now reached 46 and the overall record under coach Bryant in Tuscaloosa is 61-1, the single loss coming October 12, 1963 against this week's opponent, the Florida Gators. Most Tide players were very small children when that Florida game was played, but they all knew of it last week. And they were certainly aware of the Florida State scare.

Alabama did *not* skip preparations for Wichita State to work, for instance, on Florida game plans. Coach Bryant knows better than to do that.

The fact is, it's very difficult for an Alabama to play as hard against a Wichita State as the Tide will in games against more representative foes. As has been pointed out, the coaches can't fool the players who are looking at the same films as the coaches.

By the same token, Alabama did not impress Wichita State as much as the Shockers had expected. Or at least some of the Wichita State players. "Man, can you believe that's the second-ranked team in the country," said a defensive tackle to a teammate. "Yeah," said the teammate, "I can believe it." "Considering they are supposed to be the second best team in the country, which I don't think they are, we did pretty well," said a running back. Another offensive player said he was disappointed at what Bama "is really like. I think a lot of our guys thought they were really good. They weren't as good as we thought they would be. They're a good team; I just think they are built up a little too much." Another said "I learned not to be in awe of anybody. For the rest of my career I'm not going to be psyched out by anybody."

Agreed, Alabama was not awesome on Saturday. Nevertheless, there were some bright spots. For one thing the Tide continues to be relatively injury-free a third of the way through the season. That's partly because Bama players are not having to see a great deal of action as a large number of players has taken part in the first four games. Keith Pugh's catch of a Steadman Shealy pass for the first Alabama touchdown was picture perfect. Don McNeal interception midway through the first quarter to set up Bama's second score was big league in every way. Blocking by the first team offensive line continues to be as good as any team in the

Alabama linebacker Thomas Boyd (90) crashes Wichita State quarterback Prince McJunkins to the ground as Tide cornerback Ricky Tucker moves in to help if needed.
—Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

country's. The Alabama kicking game continues to be very strong. And some Bama players who had not been playing close to potential in earlier games had some big moments, notably defensive end Wayne Hamilton and offensive halfback Mitch Ferguson.

Although Billy Jackson was dressed and ready Saturday, he did not play for the second week as he allows a slight hamstring muscle pull to mend. Joe Jones started at left halfback, but Ferguson saw a great deal of playing time there with both the first and second units. He ran with more authority than he has since his soph year in 1977 (before last year's redshirt season for a chronic hamstring pull) and had some excellent blocks for his running mates.

Wichita State coach Jeffries felt that coach Bryant had been kind to his team. "I think they could have passed on us and run the score up, but coach Bryant played it very conservative and we appreciate that," said coach Jeffries.

While coach Bryant has never been one to run up a score, he was probably somewhat disappointed that the backup troops were not more consistent offensively. Bama had 256 yards of total offense and 28 points at halftime, added only 119 yards and 10 points in the second half. Wichita State, while scoreless in the second half, had 121 yards of total offense in the third and fourth quarters. The

ALABAMA STATISTICS VS. WICHITA STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Whitman	10	65	0	65	0	16
M. Ogilvie	8	45	0	45	2	9
Shealy	6	32	0	32	2	10
Hill	6	32	0	32	0	11
Ferguson	5	30	0	30	0	8
Nix	5	23	0	23	0	10
Jacobs	6	28	7	21	0	9
Jones	2	14	0	14	0	8
Williams	4	12	0	12	0	7
Gray	2	8	4	4	0	8
BAMA TOTALS	54	289	11	278	4	16
WSU TOTALS	52	209	40	169	0	41

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Umphrey	3	153	51.0	70
Jacobs	1	16	16.0	16
BAMA TOTALS	4	169	42.3	70
WSU TOTALS	10	340	34.0	67

SCORE BY QUARTERS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Alabama	14	14	7	3	38
Wichita State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING

Alabama -- Pugh, 27 pass from Shealy (McElroy kick)
Alabama -- Shealy, 3 rush (McElroy kick)
Alabama -- Ogilvie, 6 rush (McElroy kick)
Alabama -- Ogilvie, 4 rush (McElroy kick)
Alabama -- Shealy, 8 rush (Jones kick)
Alabama -- McElroy, 40 field goal

PASSING	Att-Comp-Int	Yards	TD	Long
Shealy	7- 4 - 0	91	1	30
Jacobs	3- 1 - 0	6	0	6
Gray	2- 0 - 0	0	0	0
BAMA TOTALS	12- 5 - 0	97	1	30
WSU TOTALS	7- 1 - 1	8	0	8

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Pugh	4	91	1	30
R. Ogilvie	1	6	0	6

ALL RETURNS	Punts No.	Yds.	Kickoffs No.	Yds.	Int'c'ns No.	Yds.
Coley	4	70				
Ogilvie	1	4				
McNeal			1	22	1	8
BAMA TOTALS	5	74	1	22	1	8
WSU TOTALS	0	0	6	78	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	BAMA	WSU
First Downs	23	9
Rushing	18	7
Passing	4	1
Penalty	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	66	59
Total Net Yards	375	177
Average gain per play	5.7	3.0
Fumbles-Lost	6-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-22	5-48
Time of Possession	33:10	26:50

DEFENSE LEADERS	Solo	Assist	Total
R. Jones	3	4	7
Rozzell	6	0	6
Lyles	6	0	6
Braggs	5	1	6
Scott	5	0	5

COACH BRYANT ON BAMA

"It goes without saying that we've got our work cut out for us this week. We're going to a hostile stadium to play against a young football team that has a lot of talent, but which has been plagued with injuries. Charley Pell, of course, was a fine player and leader for us at Alabama and he's done well in coaching everywhere he's been. They thought last year they were going to have a fine team coming along if they could get Derald Williams, a running back out of Jacksonville, and they got him and a lot of other fine young ones.

"I don't know if we improved or not last week. We'll find out later how much the game helped our team.

"I think the goalline stand might help. I was real proud of the defense for stopping them on the goalline. It was simply a matter of pride. I heard our fans and I'm sure the defense did too.

"I think you can see there's a big drop in our team between the first and second units. I've said that all along. The first offense did well most of the time.

"Coach Jeffries and his staff had his team prepared. They stayed in there and battled and battled. He outcoached me every way known to man. His team stayed in there every play. Even after we had played a lot of people. Usually when you have a team down and they're playing catch-up, they'll give you some easy ones, but that didn't happen.

"We'll take the film and learn something and hope to improve.

"Tim Travis started against Wichita State even though he had lost his father a few days earlier and had to return to his family after the game for the funeral. His just being here for the game shows what a team man he is.

"We didn't start some people who have been starting because we're going to play those who do the best job each week. The players themselves determine the lineup by their performance."

Shockers had only seven fewer plays than Alabama, only two less rushing plays.

The game looked as if it was going to be a cakewalk when Bama went 67 yards in four plays on its first possession, Shealy connecting with Pugh on a 30-yard pass and then passing 27 yards for the touchdown. A few minutes later, after McNeal's interception, Shealy was going in from three yards out to make it 14-0 just past the midway point of the first quarter.

Fumbles helped stall two other Bama drives in the first quarter. For the day the Tide had six fumbles, although only one was lost.

A 36-yard punt return by freshman speedster Ken Coley set up the third touchdown as Major Ogilvie went in for his first of the game from six yards out. Ogilvie went four yards to cap an 87-yard, 11-play drive just before the half. Wichita State was guilty of a face mask violation against Ogilvie to help the drive along the way.

The Tide made it look easy on its first possession of the second half, going 75 yards in 10 plays with Shealy taking it in from eight yards out. There was still nearly 30 minutes of football to be played and who could blame Bama fans for expecting another big blow out?

It wasn't to be. Wichita State, with the help of a roughing the passer penalty against Bama, ran out more than half of the third quarter on its 90-yard drive that ended on the Tide goalline. A one-yard Wichita State punt put Bama in business at midfield early in the fourth quarter, but the drive stalled at the 24 and Alan McElroy kicked a 40-yard field goal to close out the scoring. Wichita State kept the ball all but 30 seconds of the last seven minutes, although the Shockers didn't get into Bama territory. In fact, the long aborted drive by the Shockers in the third quarter was Wichita State's only offensive visit to the Bama side of the field.

It's a measure of the success that Alabama enjoys in that a 38-0 victory is viewed as somewhat disappointing by players, coaches and fans.

This week the Tide goes against its third straight winless team. However, no one is expecting Charley Pell's Florida Gators to be anywhere near as weak as Vanderbilt or Wichita State. Although the Gators have only a tie with Georgia Tech as a glimmer of success in four game, Florida has played well in losing to Houston and LSU. Those two losses, as well as one in which the Gators out-fumbled Mississippi State, came on the road.★

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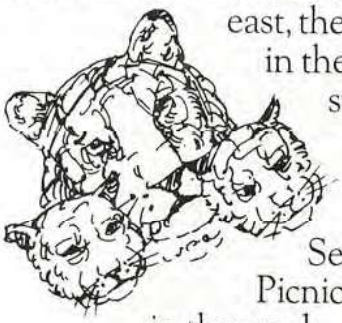

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ALABAMA DEPTH CHART VS. WICHITA STATE

Here is a depth chart of the Alabama players who performed against Wichita State Saturday with starters listed first and no one listed at more than one position although a few played more than one spot. Bama used 66 men in the game, including 12 redshirted freshmen and 10 true freshmen. There were 32 on offense, 27 on defense and seven on the kicking teams.

OFFENSE

Split End: Keith Pugh, Ry Oglivie, Keith Marks, Tim Clark
Left Tackle: Buddy Aydelette, Vince Cowell
Left Guard: Mike Brock, Scott Allison, Dan Holcombe
Center: Dwight Stephenson, Joe Robbins, Steve Mott
Right Guard: Vince Boothe, Gary Bramblett, Bob Dasher
Right Tackle: Jim Bunch, Wiley Barnes, Bill Searcey
Tight End: Tim Travis, Bart Krout, Larry Brown
Quarterback: Steadman Shealy, Don Jacobs, Alan Gray
Left Halfback: Joe Jones, Mitch Ferguson
Right Halfback: Major Ogilvie, Mark Nix, James Haney
Fullback: Steve Whitman, John Hill, Charlie Williams

DEFENSE

Left End: Gary DeNiro, Wayne Hamilton, Mike Pitts
Left Tackle: Joe Beazley, Byron Braggs
Middle Guard: Warren Lyles, Curtis McGriff, Doug Collins
Right Tackle: David Hannah, Scott Homan, Jackie Cline
Right End: E. J. Junior, John Mauro
Strongside Linebacker: Randy Scott, Ricky Rozzell
Weakside Linebacker: Thomas Boyd, Robbie Jones, Russ Wood
Left Halfback: Don McNeal, Jeremiah Castille
Right Halfback: Ricky Tucker, Mike Clements, Ken Coley
Strong Safety: Tommy Wilcox, Bobby Smith
Safety: Jim Bob Harris, Benny Perrin

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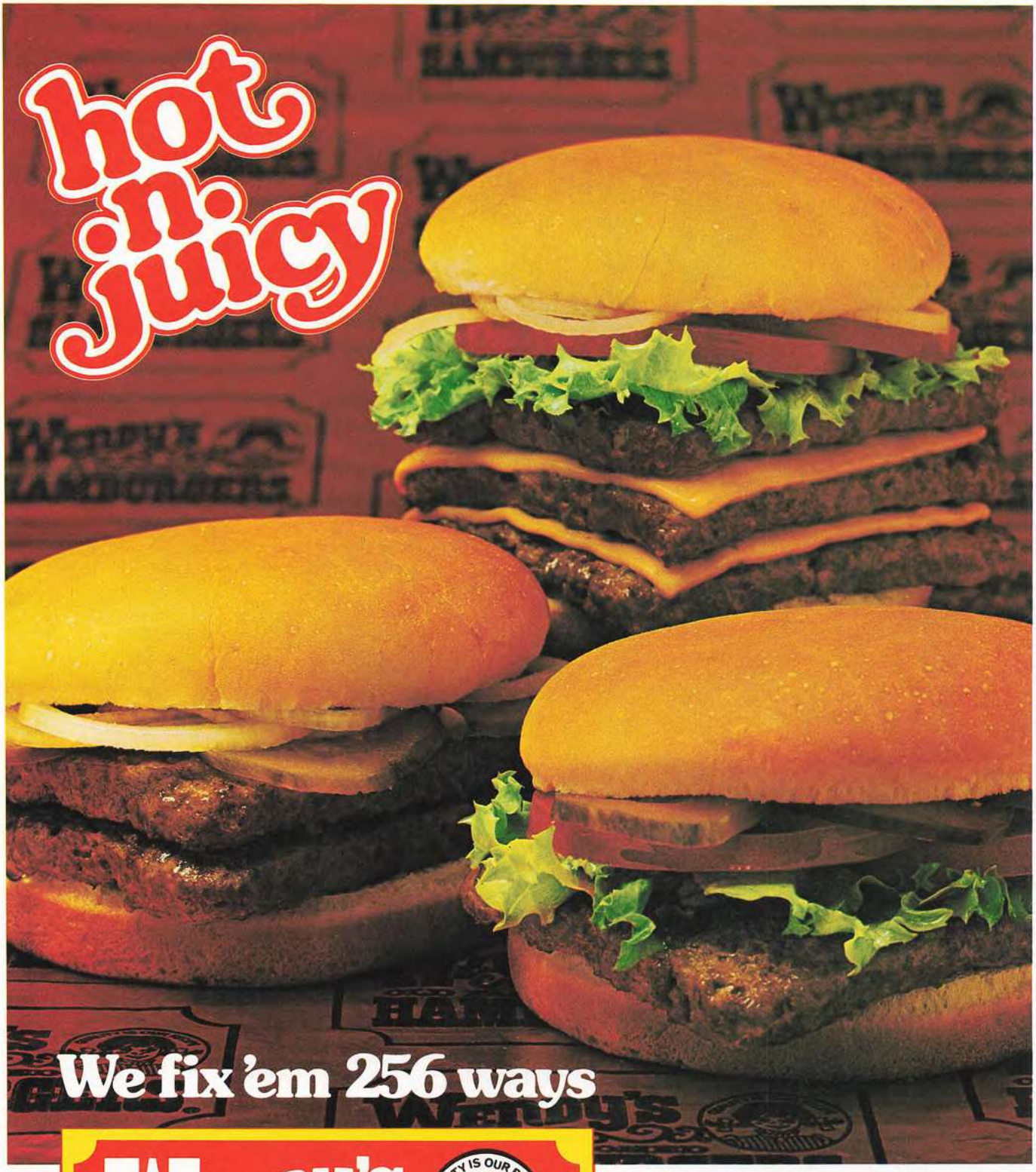

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GIFTED MEN GIVE CARE TO CRIMSON TIDE ATHLETES

by Hank Brownstone

If you ever book a breakfast discussion of sports medicine with University of Alabama trainer Jim Goostree, you should pack a lunch.

The man who has cared for Crimson Tide football players longer than coach Paul "Bear" Bryant has been at Alabama enjoys a love affair with his chosen profession.

Goostree is also a bit of a history bluff, which further explains why he likes to ramble somewhat when talking about health care and injury prevention for Alabama players. A student of his trade, the scope of his knowledge reaches beyond normal recollection and past standard dreams for the future — from before the first Olympic Games at Elis, Greece in 776 B.C. until long after the Sugar Bowl game in 1990.

"The importance of sports medicine should be obvious to anybody." said Goostree, who arrived at Alabama in 1957 and today heads one of the most successful medical teams in intercollegiate athletics. "From the creation of man, there has been somebody available to care for the injured and the sick.

"In the days of cave men, they were called witch doctors. In the first Olympic Games, there were people who cared for the athletes. Even before that, in the days of gladiators, somebody treated the injured so they could fight again.

"You can draw parallels between our profession as it is today and all of those events. Like football today, they were staged for the entertainment of spectators who expected contestants to be able to perform at optimum levels.

"Sports medicine has evolved into a more scientific state now — progress hasn't been fast, but it hasn't been slow — and we're constantly looking for ways to improve it. It is a social expectation that we have competent, well-trained, energetic people working in our field at all levels of competition."

With Goostree directing, Alabama has a sports medicine staff that is often overlooked, almost always taken for granted and as successful as a Crimson Tide football program that has won five national championships since 1961.

Goostree, who once turned down an offer by the Dallas Cowboys to stay at Alabama, is ably assisted by Henry "Sang" Lyda, a former Crimson Tide student manager who has been on the staff nine years. They communicate with and are supported by seven-year team physician Dr. William deShazo and orthepedic consultants Drs. Bill Taylor and E. C. Brock, who has served in that capacity for 20 years. Student trainers lend helping hands, as do resident interns from the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Center, an extension of the University of Alabama Medical School.

Outside of the obvious expertise of staff members, a contributing factor to Alabama success in sports medicine is a horizontal chain of command stretching from Bryant to Goostree to physicians to players. Bryant pays close attention to advice given by Goostree. Goostree listens to what physicians have to say. Players, who are encouraged to offer feedback, respond to the wishes of all parties.

"The majority of our communication goes through coach Goostree," said Brock, who handles most of the required surgery on Alabama players. "He is in contact with all parties daily and can explain things in both medical and football terms.

"We haven't had a disagreement since I've been working with the Alabama program. There have been no problems in the treatment of a player."

Goostree offers a more complete explanation.

"My judgement is a reflection of the communication we have with physicians and other consultants," said Goostree, who also serves as a purchasing agent for the athletic department. "In all situations beyond the normal day-to-day routine procedure, our physicians have all of the decision-making responsibility pertaining to proper health care for our players. They are constantly in communication with us trainers. We serve as agents between physicians, coaches and players.

"Our athletic program, coach Bryant in particular, has made a strong commitment to proper health care and injury prevention for players. Some schools aren't as fortunate. To me, it has been extra super important to be asociated with this program.

"It's a feeling in our athletic department that we have an outstanding medical team. I'm sure there are times when our athletes don't realize how good it is, but that's because they haven't been any other place.

"We would like to improve, sure, but we are reluctant to change for the sake of doing something different. Our way has been successful, so we stay with it. We have luxuries at Alabama that other schools don't enjoy. We have good facilities, interested physicians who are available on a daily basis, competent staff members, understanding coaches and players who usually respond to treatment.

"Also, we have a winning tradition. That means a lot in the classroom, on the field and in the training room. That was the case when I arrived here and I think it will continue to be the case in all areas."

The influence of the sports medicine team, particularly Goostree and Lyda, should not be overlooked when one admires the success Alabama has had in football. If an example is needed, consider the 1974 season, when Crimson Tide players looked more like refugees from a Red Cross camp than Southeastern Conference champions.

"The 1974 season was unusual from an injury standpoint," Goostree said. "We lost a lot of key players all season, but those kids overcame the handicaps to produce an 11-1 record.

"We trainers play the same role every year. It starts with the prevention of injury, but you can't help but get people hurt in football.

"When injuries happen, we try to invoke conservative treatment so we won't compound them. And we hope for a shortened recovery cycle, which is up the injured player more than anybody else. Those kids in 1974 were motivated enough to overcome the injuries they sustained. They were champions."

Goostree was awarded the game ball

Alabama athletes are in the good hands of Tide head trainer Jim Goostree and his staff in the area of prevention and treatment of athletic injuries.
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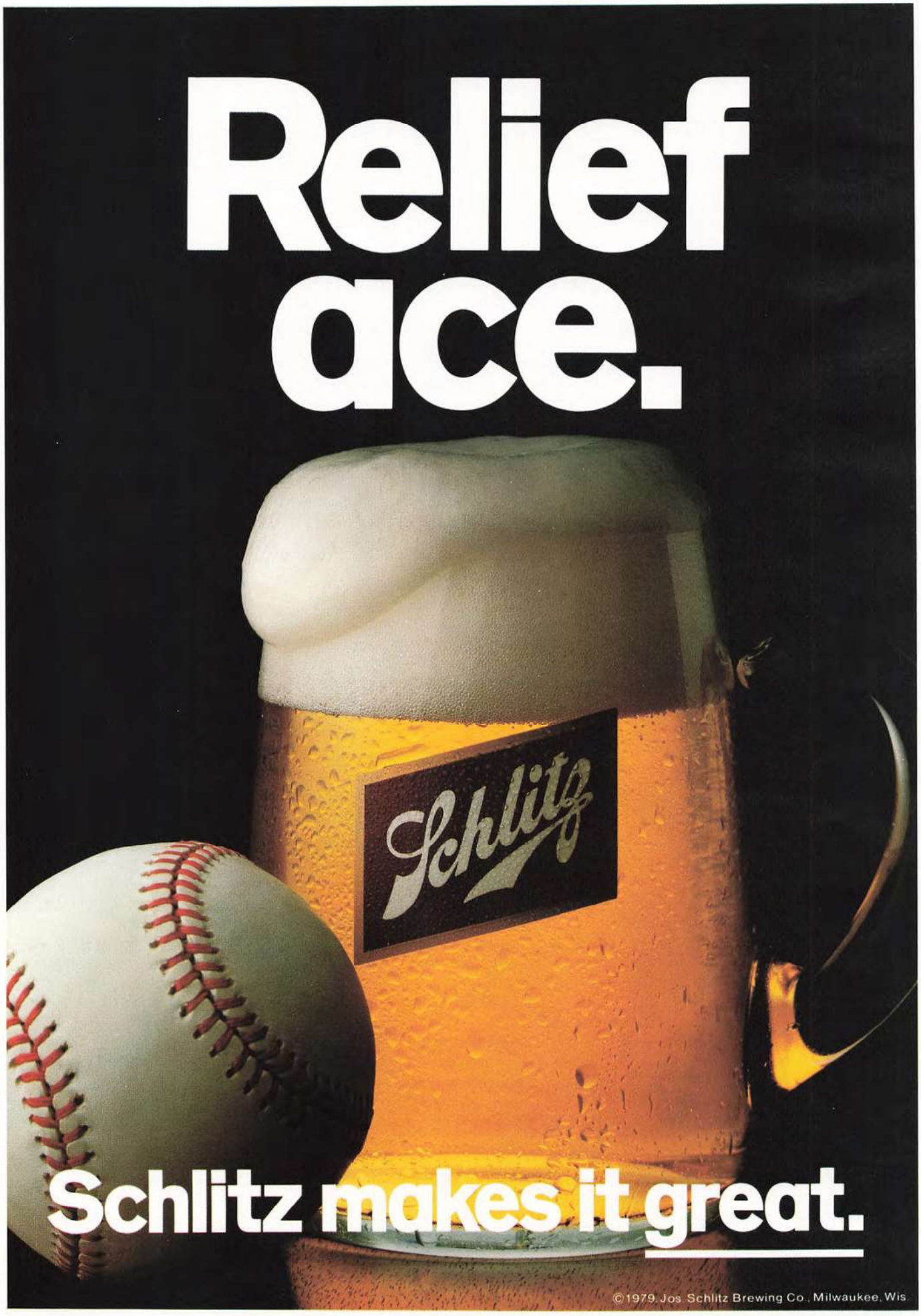
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after a 1974 victory at Tennessee. He and Lyda should have been given individual championship trophies.

In September of that year, eight first-team players were sidelined for at least one week with injuries. Ten regulars were felled by injuries in October. In November, as Alabama went down the stretch of an unbeaten regular season, four starters were dropped to spectator status because of injuries.

"About the time we got one player back on the field, another limped off," Goostree said. "It was a difficult season. It was challenging."

Goostree whipped another challenge in 1971, when he miraculously restored All-America halfback Johnny Musso to good enough condition to help Alabama to a 31-7 victory over Auburn in a game between unbeaten state rivals. Musso had a sprained big toe and arch and was unable to practice the week of the game. Goostree devised a plastic splint that made Musso comfortable enough to play.

"Johnny (Musso) is a good example of a motivated player." Goostree said. "Had he not been dedicated to his teammates, his school and his improvement as a player, he would not have played in that game.

"We can treat and advise injured players, but they have to work themselves back into playing condition. Fortunately, we have had players here that were motivated enough to come back from injuries."

Alabama has those types this year, evidenced by the fact several players are performing like champions after rehabilitation from knee surgery. One of those is senior quarterback Steadman Shealy, who was given little chance of playing again after surgery in the spring of 1978.

Shealy went on a vigorous exercise program after Brock repaired torn ligaments in his knee. A young man of strong faith, he credits God with giving him the strength to fight back. He also speaks highly of Lyda, who spent hours giving him treatment and encouragement during the long, hot days of summer.

"That's part of this job," Lyda said. "You have to have compassion for these guys. All of them feel pain at some time or another.

"As for Steadman, I had no doubt he would play again. He is a worker. I knew he would come back from surgery because of the kind of person he is."

Still, there has never been a crippled person who was not in need of a helping hand.

At Alabama, gifted ones offer aid every day.★

Alabama's sports medicine staff includes several conscientious student assistants as well as full-time trainers and consulting physicians. —Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

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Hanging On

An Alabama defender — and an opposing ballcarrier — can be pretty sure that crimson-clad help is not going to be far behind the initial contact. This running back in the clutches of a Tide tackler has reason to grimace. The first new member of the pursuit has already arrived and Don McNeal (28) and Byron Braggs are moving in fast. Not far away and ready to pounce are Wayne Hamilton (94) and E. J. Junior. Every stop, even by defensive players as good as Alabama's, is not going to be a clean knockdown. But if the first tackler can just hold on for a second or so, fellow Tiders will be swiftly on the scene.

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KEITH PUGH

NOW HE'S A BIG FISH IN A BIG, BIG OCEAN

by Mike Bolton

It was the kind of night every freshman football player in the United States has experienced.

Keith Pugh sat in Paul Bryant Hall with a taped leg thinking about what was happening to him. A pulled groin muscle was keeping him out of the junior varsity games and practice. He had been a star end in high school, but Alabama had him playing halfback, defensive back and end in JV games. To make matters worse, a fellow named Ozzie Newsome was tearing up the SEC at Pugh's position. Newsome was just a sophomore.

Maybe everybody was right, Pugh thought. He had come from Monroe Academy, and by his own admittance, it wasn't much of a league. There was plenty of competition, but there was very little talent.

Maybe he was a little fish in a big, big ocean.

Maybe, too, he had chosen the wrong school.

Pugh's high school coach, Mac Champion, had played for Auburn and had wanted Keith to go there. Auburn and Ole Miss were the only major schools who had shown any interest in Pugh at the start of his senior year. Champion had taken Pugh to an Auburn practice and he asked Keith to get in and tell Auburn coach Shug Jordan he was going to Auburn.

It sounded like a good idea. Pugh agreed and the pair headed to Jordan's office to commit to Auburn. Halfway there, Pugh thought about his family. Shouldn't they be there when he committed?

Pugh told Champion they were coming to the Auburn game the next weekend and he wanted to wait until then to commit. Champion reluctantly agreed.

A call came to Pugh's home that Thursday night. He could hardly speak when the voice at the other end was none other than Paul Bryant.

Coach Bryant told him there was a scholarship awaiting him when his high school season was over. Pugh admitted that was what he had always really wanted — to play for the Bear. He committed to Alabama on the spot.

Pugh thought back to the heartache it brought his high school coach when he told him he wasn't going to Auburn, but to Alabama.

Had he made a mistake that day?

Pugh suddenly caught himself. He had been sitting in his room thinking for over an hour.

"I was just down and out and homesick," Pugh recalls now. "Everybody always seemed to think I was a nice guy and everything, and they all thought I was a Christian because I went to church. I didn't know the Lord, though.

"I asked Him to come into my life. I meant really into my life. It was the greatest decision I have ever made in my life."

Pugh says the decision is maybe the other thing that helped him survive that year and the next.

"When the Lord came into my life it really helped me to mature. I was redshirted the next year and that's always tough, but I made it with the help of the Lord."

Pugh came from a winning background in high school so his decision to come to Alabama shouldn't be that surprising. His teams won the state championship his freshman, sophomore and senior years and finished second his junior year after losing in the finals. Pugh feels that playing in the private school league was definitely a strike against him, however.

"I think it was," Pugh recalls. "The big schools are reluctant to take a chance with you. I think this year we have just one player from a private school besides me."

Things were never easy for Pugh. It was going into his third year before he ever even put on an Alabama varsity jersey.

"It's really hard to get in, I tell you," Pugh said. "I had Ozzie in front of me and when I finally realized I'd never beat him out, I was okay. Playing behind Ozzie is probably the best thing that has ever happened to me.

"Ozzie was so much more than speed and hands. He had the moves, the fakes and just what it took to play the position. I really learned a lot watching him."

No one will admit any quicker than Pugh that he doesn't possess the speed or the quickness other ends across the nation possess. Taking a look at just the ends in the SEC, Pugh says he doesn't know if he could start anywhere else.

"I'm no (Mississippi State Mardye) McDole or (Florida Cris) Collinsworth," Pugh said. "I haven't got the speed they do. I haven't been timed on a 40 since my freshman year and it would probably surprise me just how slow I am.

"I like to think my strong point is my hands, though. There is a lot more to being an end than speed. I think the hands are the most important thing."

How is it that Pugh can start for a national champion and not on a team that

can't even stay in a conference race? Pugh just smiles and says the question is an honor rather than an embarrassment.

"I really don't think I would start anywhere else but here and that is a tribute to coach Bryant," Pugh said. "There are others like me here, too, but I won't call any names.

"Coach Bryant says he likes the players that don't have enough talent and just don't know it. Coach Bryant makes everyone feel like they can be a part of the program here and contribute; and everyone here can.

"Alabama history is full of players that weren't good enough to play, but just didn't know it. It's sort of a trademark here.

"I think anybody who goes anywhere else but here is crazy. The studs will get to play somewhere else, sure, but what if you don't make the first team? A lot of people recruit against us by saying you get lost in the shuffle here, but look back a couple weeks at the Baylor game.

"We played about 60 or 65 people. Did they get lost in the shuffle? We have a lot, and I mean a lot, of people around here wearing that national championship ring. That means a lot."

It seemed a simple question, but Pugh took his time answering why Alabama wins football games.

"I talked to a guy from Mississippi State over the summer and he said it was just awesome for him to play against us. I think that's it. The tradition of Alabama is so much, anyone who plays here hates to let anyone down.

"If you'll look back at some of our opponents, like Baylor, you'll see they had talent that was just about our equal, but we won 45-0. Maybe it's motivation. They seemed motivated, but I know we were. Coach Bryant told us he was worried about the game and we felt that we had something to show him.

"If you don't get down to the nitty-gritty like that it's hard to see why some teams win football games and some don't.

Pugh says coach Bryant's talks aren't just for football. He says his words of wisdom can be applied to everyday life.

"They really can," Pugh said. "When I go on speaking engagements I always try to pass along some of his thoughts he gives us. He gives you things that go with you for life."

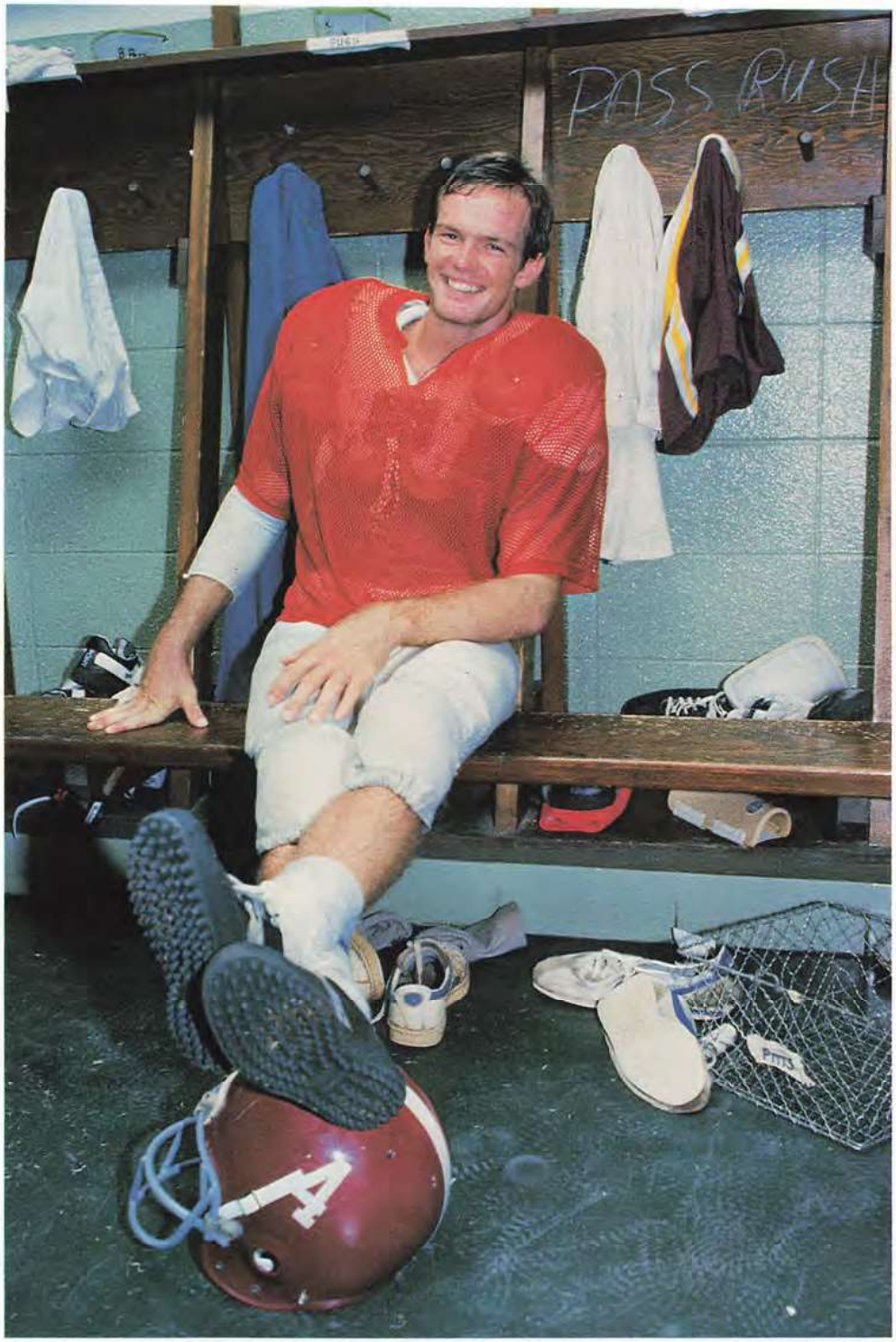
Being a star on a national championship team plus a devout Christian makes Pugh a natural on the banquet circuit. He is forced to turn down many of the requests.

"My spring is spent doing them," Pugh said. "I believe that is my favorite part of the whole deal. I get to go out and meet the people of Alabama and spread the word of God. I share my testimony with them and tell them how God has worked in my life and how he can work in their's. I tell them things coach Bryant says to us and they love that, too."

Pugh feels he owes the Lord, himself and the University the task of presenting a good image. He remembers the day he worshipped Alabama football players and what kind of impact they can have on a young boy's life.

"I can remember thinking how great Johnny Musso and Scott Hunter, were," Pugh said. "Sometimes it sort of startles me to think some young boy may be looking up to me like that. I really have a big responsibility.

"A football player has so many opportunities to go astray. It is so easy to give a



Bama split end Keith Pugh can smile about his Alabama football career now, but there was a time when he wondered if he was good enough for the Crimson Tide. —Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

wrong image. You have to really be careful."

Pugh's football exploits of 1978 reflect the enjoyable life he was leading. Having stepped in for the departed All-America Newsome, he became Alabama's leading receiver with 20 catches for 446 yards, an enviable average of 22.3 yards per catch.

Against Virginia Tech he had five receptions for 148 yards and later had a 45-yard touchdown reception.

What happens when Alabama loses its passing quarterback who just happens to be your best friend, though? Pugh faced 1979 without Jeff Rutledge.

"I knew we wouldn't be throwing that much this year," Pugh said. "I'm not disappointed, though. Steadman has really done a fine job and I think we are getting it together more and more each week.

"Steadman's passing has improved so much since last year. He's just flat getting accurate. I don't think of him as just a running quarterback and I don't think any of our opponents are either."

What's in store for Alabama for the rest of the year?

"If we continue to improve at the rate we're going now the national championship will be in our grasps. If we get a few breaks along the line we will be in the driver's seat down the stretch. We're going to have to improve a lot, however. Looking back to Georgia Tech and Baylor we had a lot of chances to put them away early and we didn't do it. We're going to have to capitalize on our chances more. We'll have to quit making so many mistakes.

"Can we be better than last year? I believe we can. I know the defense is already on the road to being better. We have some athletes over there and we have some athletes over there who aren't even starting.

"They have been really looking good. I already think they are playing together more than they did last year.

"Over on our side we still have a long way to go, but I think we can do it. Our line is a good one and our second team line isn't that far behind the first. We've had some backs to surprise some people, too. Mark Nix really has surprised some people, hasn't he?

"We've got some young people over there but they are playing like juniors and seniors."

And the schedule?

"Well, I've seen Wake Forest beat Georgia and I have seen Texas A&M beat Penn State, so I know anybody can be beaten if they get too cocky.

"I know we've got some people down the line that would like nothing more than to beat us and knock us out of the Sugar Bowl. It would really makes some team's schedule. Do you think we're going to take somebody like that lightly?

"The fans might, but we're sure not."★

Tide split end Keith Pugh says that he doesn't have the speed of most receivers, but that he thinks the hands are most important. When he has an injury he checks with trainers to find out how to get back in top condition as quickly as possible.
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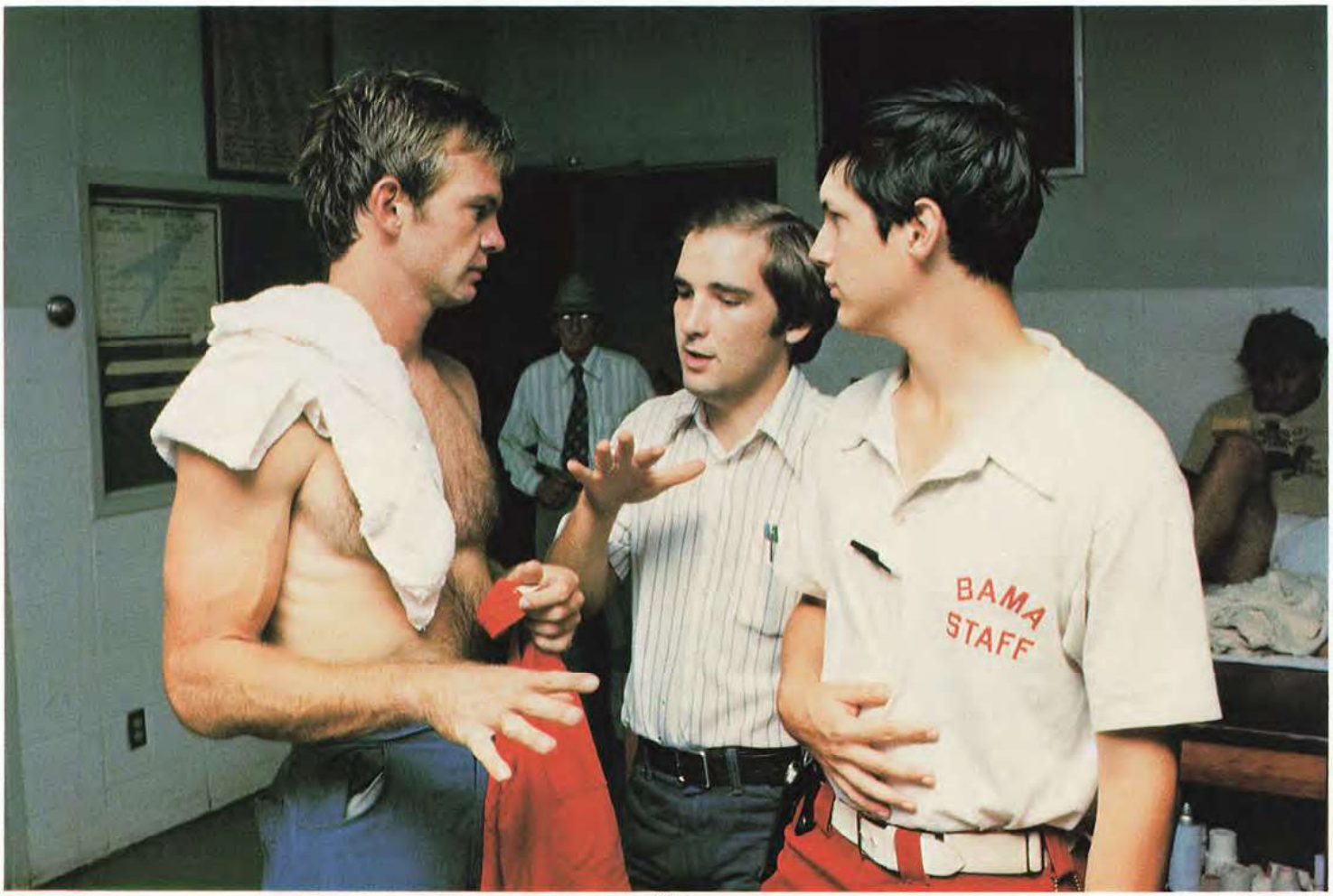

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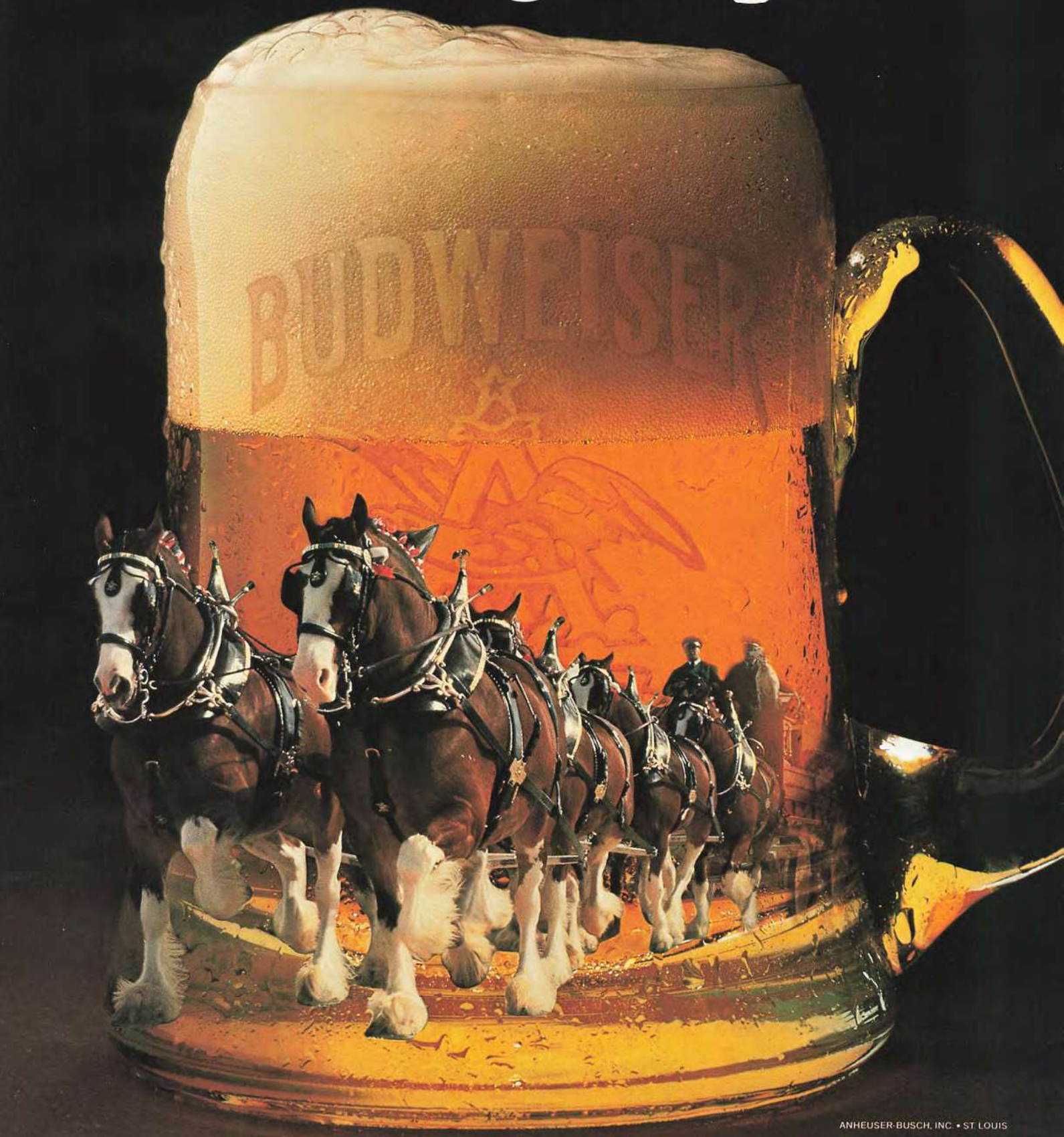

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SCOUTING REPORT

FLORIDA GATORS

by Randy Hart

The Bear meets one of his prize pupils down in Gainesville this week, and you can be sure the student would like to show his old master a few tricks. Not that he means to be disrespectful, mind you, but a win over Bear would sure make ol' Charley Pell happy.

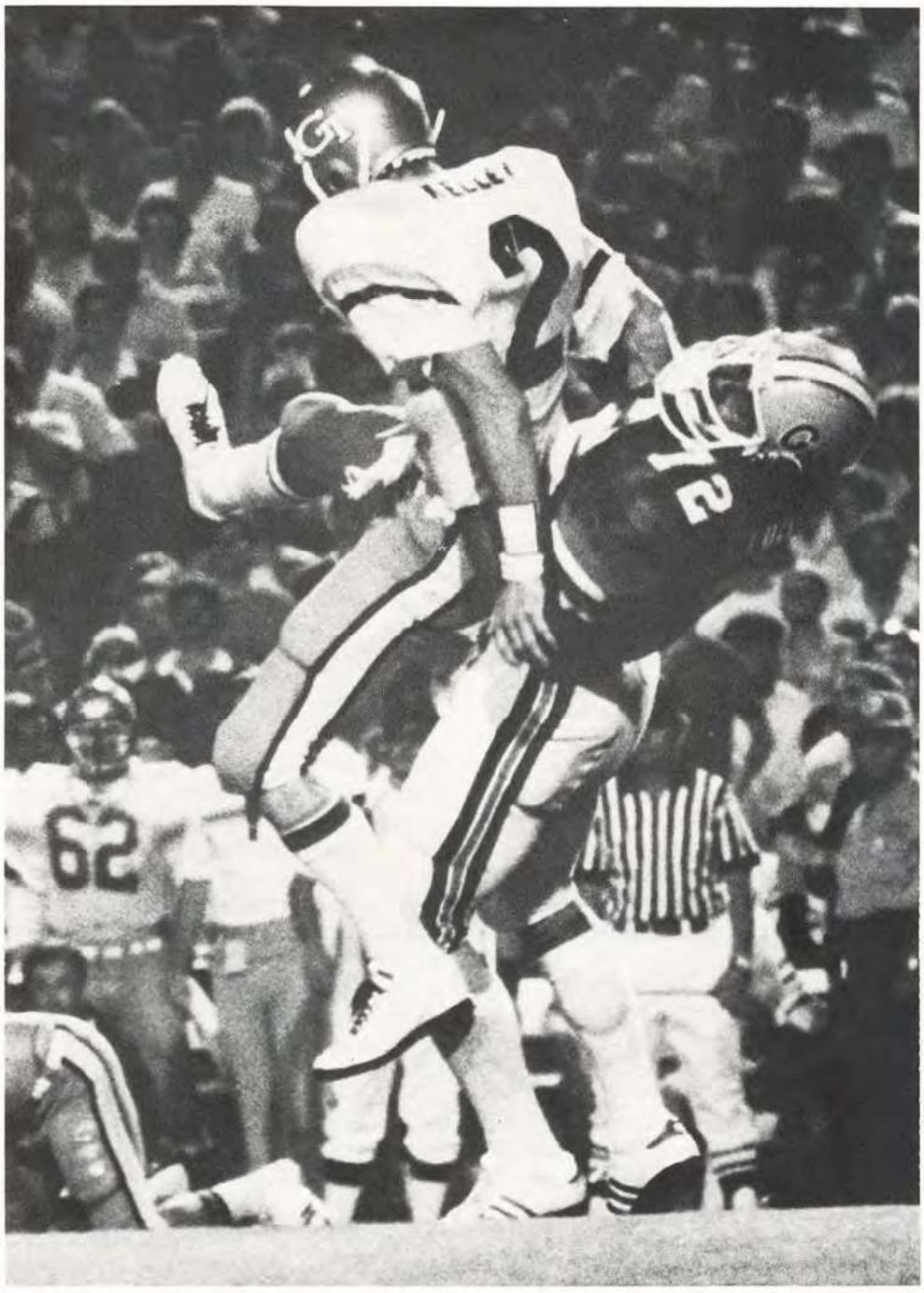
Pell, who has been hailed far and wide as the savior for the University of Florida football program, played for Bryant at Alabama in the early '60s. After a brief high school career as a halfback, Pell became a two-way tackle at 'Bama, and started for three seasons, including the national championship year of 1961.

Once he left Alabama, Pell embarked on a coaching career that has been highly successful thus far. He transformed Jacksonville State (Ala.) into a small college power in his five years there, and then led Clemson to a two-year record of 18-4-1 and was named Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year both seasons.

His arrival in Gainesville last winter was greeted with immediate proclamations by diehard Gator fans that, at last, the Southeastern Conference championship would soon be coming to Florida. Some even expected Pell to work a miracle in his first year, despite Pell's insistence that 1979 would be a rebuilding year.

Not even in his wildest nightmares, however, could Pell have forseen the problems that have resulted in *weekly* rebuilding. During spring practice, top quarterback returnees Tim Groves and John Brantley went down with injuries, forcing Pell to move Tyrone Young and James McClellan, both inexperienced, into the number one and two quarterback spots for the remainder of spring practice.

Brantley and Groves returned for fall



Florida defensive lineman Dock Luckie is a mainstay of the Gators' defense that will try to shut down Bama's wishbone offense in Gainesville Saturday.

practice, and Pell and his staff were hoping things would be peachy again as they continued to build toward the season opener at Houston. But on the first day of practice in pads, starting defensive tackle Steve Tanner went down with a knee injury, and was knocked out of action for the season. That necessitated a restructure of the defensive front, moving nose guard Dock Luckie to Tanner's tackle spot, and Robin Fisher into a starting role at nose guard.

On the third play of the Houston game, star defensive tackle David Galloway suffered a season-ending knee injury, and Pell replaced him with senior Dozyier Hinton. That left the Gators with only two backups at tackle, freshman Vince Jones and junior Ron Coleman. Florida lost that game to the Cougars, 14-10, but Gator fans were encouraged by the performance.

The next week Florida settled for a 7-7 tie with Georgia Tech, but lost something much more important. Scot Brantley, the Gator's All-American linebacker, went down with what was at first diagnosed as merely a concussion. Two days later, doctors revealed that Brantley had suffered a small bruise on his brain, and that because of his susceptibility to head injuries, any further football, ever, would be extremely dangerous to him. Thus ended the football career of one of the greatest ever to don the Orange and Blue.

Once Pell got over the enormity of Brantley's injury, he had to revamp his defense, which had played two superb games but was getting thinner by the day. The squad Pell puts on the field Saturday will be talented and experienced on the first team, but the backups will be young.

Florida's defensive ends are as good as any in the conference. Juniors Tim Golden (6-0, 217) and Yancey Sutton (6-2, 216) were both at linebacker a year ago, with Sutton serving as a starter and Golden as a front-line reserve. Sutton was third on the squad in tackles last year (72 tackles, 48 assists), and is the early leader in tackles for the Gators in 1979. Golden is also among the team leaders in tackles, and returned an intercepted screen pass 49 yards for a touchdown against Georgia Tech.

The Gators have solid backups at the end spots, senior Bubba Pratt (6-0, 209) and junior Rod Brooks (6-1, 223). Both have proven to be stars on the special teams for Florida.

The defensive tackles will be senior Dozyier Hinton (6-6, 240) and freshman Vince Jones (6-5, 240), neither of whom were starters when the season began. Hinton stepped in to replace Galloway, and has provided a strong pass rush.

Talented youngsters as Johnell Brown head up the Florida running attack.

Jones missed the opener at Houston due to a hyperextended elbow, but is extremely talented and has learned the techniques of the position quickly. Among the substitutes Pell can use are junior Ron Coleman (6-3, 243), and Mike Clark (6-4, 234) and sophomore Van Jones (6-5, 235). Both Clark and Jones were moved from tight end to give the Gators depth at tackle.

Anchoring Florida's defense at middle guard is junior Dock Luckie (6-2, 259), one of the strongest football players in America. Luckie bench presses 500 pounds, has run the 40 in 4.6 seconds, and won shot put and discus crowns in SEC competition. He was originally listed at middle guard in the spring, but moved to tackle after Tanner's injury. Brantley's injury resulted in defensive shuffling, which led to Luckie's return to middle guard, just after he had played the "best game of his college career" at tackle, according to Pell, against Georgia Tech.

Pell has the luxury of a very dependable backup at nose guard in freshman Jim Kalamaras (5-10 214), who has improved dramatically after being redshirted last season. Both Luckie and Kalamaras can be moved to tackle in some situations.

While Florida lost one of the best ever at linebacker in Scot Brantley, the Gators are still extremely strong at the position. Junior David Little (6-1, 226) had teamed up with Brantley to form the most fearsome combination at linebacker in the nation. Little was second team All-SEC a year ago, and led Florida in interceptions with four. He is a superb pass defender, and hits almost as hard as Brantley.

Senior Jim Kreis (6-2, 215) was nominated to replace Brantley, and he has played well in his attempt to fill those unfillable shoes. Sophomore Robin Fisher (6-0, 224) was moved from his starting position at nose guard to linebacker, and as he learns the position he will see more action. Freshmen Fernando Jackson (5-11, 206) and Mile Ricketts (5-11, 211) provide young depth.

Pell is blessed with a veteran defensive secondary, led by senior free safety Juan Collins (6-2, 205), who was a tight end two years ago but is now considered a strong pro prospect at safety. Collins was in on 51 tackles a year ago, and has been the spiritual leader of Florida's tough defense. At the other safety spot is senior Chuck Hatch (6-0, 195), who Pell describes as "our most complete football player. He is a tremendous over-achiever who gets more out of his talent than most athletes." Hatch was Florida's top defensive back in his sophomore season, but missed the last half of 1978 due to a knee injury suffered against Alabama.

Florida's cornerbacks are juniors Bill Fiorillo (5-11, 183) and Derrick Burdgess (6-2, 200). Fiorillo made the Gator squad as a walk-on, and ended up starting the last eight games of '78, picking off two passes. Burdgess also intercepted a pair of passes last season, and has been a part-time starter for two years.

There are few questions about Florida's defense, but the Gators are question-filled on offense, starting with the quarterback position. Junior Tim Groves (6-1, 188) established himself as the number one QB during fall practice, but senior John Brantley (5-11, 174) and freshman Tyrone Young (6-5, 191) have shown themselves capable. Brantley quarterbacked the team for much of the '78 season, and completed 85 of 170 passes for 1334 yards and 11 touchdowns. Groves has been a stronger runner than passer, as has Young, but Groves' combination of

passing, running and leadership earned him the starting nod against Houston.

Florida relies on talented underclassmen at the running back spots. The starting tailback is freshman Johnell Brown (6-0, 177), who has the speed to get outside on sweeps and the agility and quickness to make sharp cuts that leave defenses grabbing at air. He has been a durable back, carrying the ball more than any other Gator running back this year. Behind him at tailback are two other freshmen, Gordon Pleasants (6-1, 192) and Derald Williams (5-11, 188), who were both high school All-Americans.

Sophomore John Whittaker (6-2, 234) has earned a starting role at fullback, after lettering as a frosh at DE. He was Florida's leading rusher against Houston with 66 yards, and is an outstanding blocker. Junior Terry Williams (5-11, 197) started last year at fullback, and was Florida's second-leading rusher with 364 yards. He and Whittaker will both see a lot of action.

Florida's receiver corps is talented and deep. Leading the wide receivers is junior Cris Collinsworth (6-4, 192), who was All-SEC last year in his first season as a receiver. Collinsworth caught 39 passes for 745 yards and nine touchdown last year, and is a likely All-America candidate next year. Senior Darrell Jones (5-11, 183), sophomore Johnny Gaffney (6-0, 187) and freshman Spencer Jackson (6-0, 180) give the Gator quarterbacks a number of quality receivers to throw to.

The Gators may be among the best in the nation at tight end. Freshman James Jones (6-4, 220) earned the starting berth, and is not likely to give it up in the next four years. Pell described his as "the best freshman football player I've ever worked with," and he combines great blocking, pass-catching and running skills. Freshman Cris Faulkner (6-5, 235) and senior Bill Bell (6-3, 214) are both high quality players, and Pell sometimes goes with a double tight end formation, in both running and passing situations.

The offensive line is young, but fairly experienced. Senior Bill Bennek (6-4, 248) and junior Joe Wickline (6-2, 253) are solidly set at the tackle spots, while junior Jim Subers (6-4, 234) and sophomore Harold Galloway (6-3, 242) man the guard positions. Three players are battling for the starting spot at center, including juniors Wally Hough (6-3, 258) and Ray Lawrence (6-2, 226), and freshman John Redmond (6-3, 237).

Florida's kicking game is solid, with junior Bill Conover (6-0, 174) handling the punting duties, and sophomore Brian Clark (6-2, 191) and freshman Don Van Wie (6-1, 175) sharing the placekicking. ★

YOU'RE THE COACH

"You're the Coach" is designed to provide you with all the pertinent statistics necessary for an accurate evaluation of these two teams' strengths and weaknesses. Add the information in "You're the Coach" to the more specific information in the Scouting Report for a working knowledge of both teams' individual players and team characteristics.

1979 Cumulative Statistics

	BAMA	FLORIDA
TEAM OFFENSE		
Rushes attempted	284	187
Yards gained	1563	718
Yards lost	71	109
Net yards gained	1492	609
Avg. gain per rush	5.3	3.3
Touchdowns	21	1
Passes attempted	47	79
Passes completed	24	32
Passes intercepted	2	3
Percentage	.510	.405
Total yards	364	410
Touchdowns	1	1
Passes caught	24	32
Total yards	364	410
Avg. gain per catch	15.2	12.8
Touchdowns	1	1
TEAM DEFENSE		
Rushes attempted	138	198
Yards gained	520	916
Yards lost	114	108
Net yards gained	406	808
Touchdowns	0	7
Passes attempted	83	69
Passes completed	36	32
Passes intercepted	12	9
Percentage	.433	.463
Total yards	335	394
Touchdowns	1	2
PUNTING		
Number	16	36
Yards	624	1248
Avg.	39.0	34.7
Longest	70	50
FUMBLES/LOST	14/5	6/6
PENALTIES/ YARDS	12/100	29/263

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
(BAMA) Shealy	36	252	7.0	5	64
(BAMA) Ogilvie	40	210	5.2	5	18
(BAMA) Whitman	37	197	5.3	2	13
(BAMA) Hill	26	153	5.8	2	22
(FLORIDA) Brown	51	176	3.5	0	14
(FLORIDA) Groves	37	108	2.9	1	16
(FLORIDA) Whittaker	21	93	4.4	0	16

Passing	PA	PC	PI	YDS	%	TD
(BAMA) Shealy	28	18	1	285	.643	1
(BAMA) Jacobs	14	5	1	66	.357	0
(FLORIDA) Groves	54	21	2	264	.389	1
(FLORIDA) Young	22	12	1	146	.545	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) Pugh	13	237	19.9	1
(BAMA) Clark	3	59	19.6	0
(BAMA) Travis	2	25	12.5	0
(FLORIDA) Collinsworth	13	167	12.8	1
(FLORIDA) Faulkner	5	49	9.8	0
(FLORIDA) J. Jones	4	66	16.5	0

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Tackles	Solo	Assisted	Total
(BAMA) Boyd	18	8	26
(BAMA) Braggs	18	3	21
(BAMA) R. Jones	10	8	18
(BAMA) Scott	14	1	15
(BAMA) Wilcox	10	5	15
(FLORIDA) Little	21	20	41
(FLORIDA) Golden	10	22	32
(FLORIDA) Sutton	21	11	32

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) McNeal	3	12	4.0	0
(BAMA) R. Jones	2	17	8.5	0
(BAMA) Bob Smith	2	0	0.0	0
(BAMA) Junior	1	59	59.0	1
(BAMA) 4 others	4	16	4.0	0
(FLORIDA) Collins	3	0	0.0	0
(FLORIDA) Fiorillo	2	39	19.5	0
(FLORIDA) Little	2	2	1.0	0

DIXIE HOWELL ALMOST ALWAYS A WINNER

by Mike Bolton

March 2, 1971 will always remain as one of the saddest days in the lives of Paul Bryant and Don Hutson.

The two ends of Alabama's 1934 Rose Bowl team lost their beloved quarterback that day after he succumbed to a long bout with cancer. It was one of only a few days that anyone could say Dixie Howell lost at anything.

Howell-to-Hutson-to-victory the headlines read in Howell's days of football fame. The quarterback who had one end to become one of pro football's greatest receivers and another who became college's greatest coach, unleashed a forward passing attack in his college days so awesome that Alabama lost just two games throughout his career.

Howell left little Geneva County High School in 1930 and the 150-pounder showed up for football practice at Alabama in 1931. What is supposed to happen to 150-pounders happened to Howell in the second week of practice. He broke his leg.

Alabama coach Frank Thomas remembered Howell's first few days of practice.

"Physically, he was everything but impressive looking," Thomas told the *Atlanta Constitution*. "But, he was recommended to us by an alumnus in whom we had a great deal of trust.

"After breaking his leg, we moved him to the backfield his sophomore year. I couldn't see a 150-pounder blocking a 215-pounder, though. He showed some good speed and was an excellent punter, but he didn't show any signs of being a passer."

When practice got rolling good that Fall, Howell found himself in the number three halfback spot in Thomas' Notre Dame box. He saw very limited action until midway of the season when the first and second team halfbacks were injured. Howell got his chance with the number one line and he took advantage of it. His

Alabama's star passer of the 1930s, Dixie Howell, is still considered one of the greatest to play the game. In 1971, a month before his death, he was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

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running that day led to an Alabama win.

"After that game he was our No. 1 halfback," Thomas recalled. "He had always had the natural qualifications of a good halfback — speed, drive and an unusual ability to follow his interference. His mental reaction is, in my mind, what made him great.

"I played with George Gipp and Howell had the same ability as Gipp to see what was going to happen a split second ahead of time."

Although Howell was voted All-America for his offensive play and has always been noted as a passer, Thomas said offense wasn't his finest point.

"To me as a coach, Howell was even a greater player at safety," he said. "He was a hard, sure tackler and was uncanny at getting in position to intercept passes and receive punts. To me, Howell had something few athletes possess — a touch of genius in his makeup."

After Alabama smashed Oglethorpe 34-0 in 1933, Thomas told his coaches he thought they may have found a replacement for Johnny Cain, the Tide's star from the year before. "This kid named Howell sure caught my eye."

Thomas was positive of it the next week as Howell rushed for 133 yards as Bama tied Ole Miss. He built some plays around Howell for the next week against Mississippi State and the Bulldogs tumbled 18-0.

Tennessee was next on the list and Alabama needed a win there. "I think we just may beat them," Thomas told his wife and Alabama did.

Was Thomas nervous before the game? The players had their tension broken before the game when Thomas stuck the lit end of his cigar in his mouth.

The Vols were sitting on a 6-0 lead in the dressing room at halftime, while across the way Thomas was begging his team to win. In the second half Howell handed off to Erskine Walker with such a good fake he was gang tackled. Walker went 42 yards untouched. Howell went 12 yards for a score in the final period and Alabama won 12-6.

Alabama lost a heartbreaker 2-0 to Fordham as two Howell passes scraped the fingertips of Don Hutson. Both would have been touchdowns had they been caught.

Alabama finished out the season by downing Kentucky, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt. The Southeastern Conference was a new conference in 1933 and Alabama was its first champion. Howell became the first All-SEC player.

With 1933 out of the way, Thomas put his mind to work deciding the best way to use Howell, Hutson and Bryant in 1934. Thomas decided to take a chance with injuries and he built his squad around the trio. He never envisioned the success to follow.

Howell raced 61 yards in an impressive 35-6 rout of Sewanee. Alabama downed Howard 24-0 and Mississippi State 41-0.

Tennesse was next.

Howell-to-Hutson was good for a touchdown and a Hutson end-around got another. Howell ended the day with 152 yards in 15 carries — just in the first half. Alabama didn't need him in the second half as it won 13-6 in a game not as close as the score indicated.

Howell completed six of nine for 170 yards the next week as Kentucky fell 24-14 and Howell-to-Hutson passes led to the clobbering of Clemson 40-0.

Rumors of a Rose Bowl invitation were in the air the next week as Howell's passing smashed Georgia Tech 40-0.

"I want you to go out and give it your greatest show today," Thomas told his boys as Alabama went against Vandy in the final game of the regular season. "I believe we have a chance to get a Rose Bowl bid and I know you fellows want it."

Howell had his finest game ever as Vandy was killed 34-0 for the Tide's third shutout in as many games. He returned 14 yards worth of punts, punted for over 40 yards per punt and rushed for 162 yards.

The Rose Bowl picked Alabama over Minnesota to play host Stanford. The writers from the Midwest and East came down hard on the decision saying Alabama couldn't handle the best Stanford team ever and at least Minnesota would give them a game.

Thomas knew the writers were in the process of winning a game for him. Thomas made sure every article on Alabama's inability was seen by all the players.

The game was listed as a sellout after the 84,000 tickets were gone and scalpers were getting the then-outrageous sum of $25 per ticket.

Dixie Howell was feeling a little queasy at breakfast on game day, but he got well quickly. Thomas told his players before the game they were about to play the most important game of their lives against the best team they had ever played.

When Stanford jumped ahead 7-0 in the first quarter, Westerners began gearing up for the rout. Howell returned a punt for 25 yards, then passed to Hutson for 17 and 12. Bryant got a 16-yarder from Howell to reach the four and Howell scored on the next play.

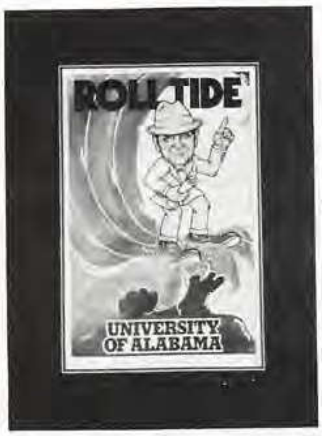
Howell passed 26 yards to Hutson and 18 to Bryant to set up a field goal and then ran 67 yards for a touchdown on the Tide's next possession to put Alabama ahead 16-7. Joe Riley stunned Stanford when he threw 54 yards to Hutson with just eight seconds remaining in the half.

Howell killed all Stanford hopes in the fourth when he hit Hutson with a 59-yard bomb to end it all. Alabama won 29-13 and if that wasn't bad enough the films showed that Howell had turned around and thumbed his nose at Stanford during his 67-yard run.

Howell's dramatic showing in the Rose Bowl earned him the outstanding player award and helped him earn a berth in the National Football Hall of Fame. A Los Angeles paper said Howell was the greatest player to ever step from the Rose Bowl.

Howell spent a year in the pro ranks with the Washington Redskins' world championship team of 1937 and spent a few years in minor league baseball. Howell, Bryant and Hutson all became Navy men during the war, but afterwards Howell became head coach at Arizona State where he produced a 20-9-4 mark in three years. He was assistant coach at Alabama before going to Arizona State.

Howell was enshrined in the Alabama Hall of Fame in 1971, a month before his death. ★



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BAMA SCORECARD

Teacher Vs. Pupil

The Alabama-Florida game is the first of three this year that pits coach Bryant's Alabama football team against a squad coached by a former player or coach under coach Bryant.

Charley Pell, head coach at Florida, was a tackle at Alabama and lettered in 1960-61-62. Later this year Bama will meet LSU, coached by Charley McClendon, and Miami, coached by Howard Schnellenberger. Schnellenberger was recruited by coach Bryant while at Kentucky, but actually played under Blanton Collier for the Wildcats when Bryant left to go to Texas A&M. Schnellenberger was a member of the Alabama coaching staff in the early 1960s. McClendon played and coached for Bryant at Kentucky.

In 38 previous meetings with teams coached by former pupils, Alabama's Bear has definite advantage.

The record: 33 wins, five losses.

And, Alabama teams have won the last 23 games in a row for coach Bryant in such meetings.

For Pell, the new head coach at Florida, and Schnellenberger, the first year coach at Miami, it will be their first time to face a Bryant-coached team. McClendon, in his final season at LSU, has been in the ring 15 times with his ex-boss.

Here is coach Bryant's record vs. his former pupils:

- 13-2 vs. Charley McClendon, Louisiana State.
- 6-1 vs. Bill Battle, formerly Tennessee.
- 2-1 vs. Paul Dietzel, formerly LSU and South Carolina.
- 4-0 vs. Jerry Claiborne, formerly Virginia Tech and now Maryland.
- 6-0 vs. Bob Tyler, formerly Mississippi State.
- 2-0 vs. Steve Sloan, formerly Vanderbilt, now Ole Miss.
- 0-1 vs. Gene Stallings, formerly Texas A&M.

The last time Coach Bryant lost to an ex-pupil was back in 1970, when actually he lost to Bill Battle at Tennessee, 24-0, in October, and to Charley McClendon at LSU, 14-9, in November. The loss to McClendon was the last one, and he's won 23 straight encounters since.

Coach Bryant has produced more head college and professional coaches than any one coach in modern history, having 41 of his ex-players or assistants become head coaches. Currently 16 are active.

They are, pro coaches: Jack Pardee, Washington Redskins; Ray Perkins, New York Giants; and Bum Phillips, Houston Oilers. In the college ranks are: Charley Bradshaw of Troy State, Jerry Claiborne of Maryland, John David Crow of Northeast Louisiana, Pat Dye of East Carolina, Danny Ford of Clemson, Jimmy Fuller of Jacksonville State, Larry Lacewell of Arkansas State, Charley McClendon of LSU, Charley Pell of Florida, Howard Schnellenberger of Miami, Jackie Sherrill of Pittsburgh, Steve Sloan of Ole Miss and Richard Williamson of Memphis State.

Fall Tennis Schedule

Coach Armi Neely's Crimson Tide tennis team will participate in two of the most prestigious fall tournaments in the Southeast this year.

Bama will go to Athens, Ga. Oct. 18-21 to play in the Southern Intercollegiate.

Nov. 2-4 the Tide will participate in the LSU Fall Invitational at Baton Rouge, La.

Charley Pell of Florida is the first of three former "pupils" who will coach head-to-head against former "teacher" Paul Bryant this fall.

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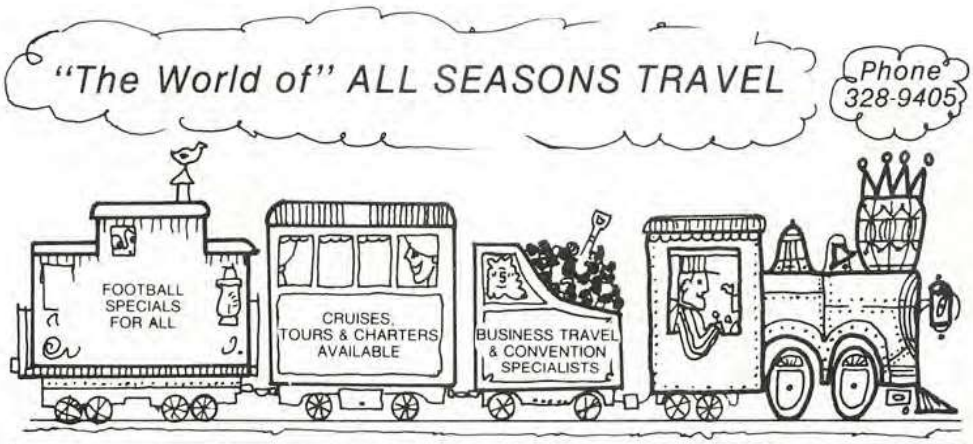
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Sept. 8	30 at Georgia Tech 6				
Sept. 15		26 KANSAS STATE 18	10 at Houston 14	21 WAKE FOREST 22	14 MIAMI (OH.) 15
Sept. 22	45 BAYLOR (B)* 0	31 S. MISS 9	7 GEORGIA TECH 7	7 at Clemson 12	10 at Indiana 18
Sept. 29	66 at Vanderbilt 3	17 at Tennessee 35	10 at Miss. State 24	20 S. CAROLINA 27	14 MARYLAND 7
Oct. 6	38 WICHITA STATE (T) 0	44 N.C. STATE 31	3 at LSU 20	24 at Ole Miss 21	6 at W. Virginia 10
Oct. 13	at Florida	VANDERBILT	ALABAMA	LSU	OLE MISS
Oct. 20	TENNESSEE (B)	at Georgia Tech		at Vanderbilt	at LSU
Oct. 27	VIRGINIA TECH (T)	at Wake Forest	TULSA	KENTUCKY	at Georgia
Nov. 3	MISSISSIPPI ST. (T)	FLORIDA	at Auburn	VIRGINIA	BOWLING GREEN
Nov. 10	at LSU	MISSISSIPPI ST.	GEORGIA (J)**	at Florida (J)**	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 17	MIAMI (T)	at Georgia	KENTUCKY	AUBURN	at Florida
Nov. 24					TENNESSEE
Dec. 1	AUBURN (B)	ALABAMA (B)	at Miami	at Georgia Tech	

DATE	LSU	OLE MISS	MISS. STATE	TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT
Sept. 8			13 MEMPHIS ST. (J)# 14		
Sept. 15	44 at Colorado 0	38 at Memphis St. 34		28 at Boston College 16	13 at Indiana 44
Sept. 22	47 RICE 3	7 MISSOURI (J)¢ 33	14 at Maryland 35	51 UTAH 18	14 CITADEL 27
Sept. 29	12 SOUTHERN CAL 17	8 S. MISS. (J) 38	24 FLORIDA (J) 10	35 AUBURN 17	3 ALABAMA 66
Oct. 6	20 FLORIDA 3	21 GEORGIA (O) 24	28 TENNESSEE (M) 9	9 at Miss. St. (M) 9	14 at Tulane 42
Oct. 13	at Georgia	at Kentucky	at Florida St.	GEORGIA TECH	at Auburn
Oct. 20	KENTUCKY	at S. Carolina	MARSHALL (S)	at Alabama (B)	GEORGIA
Oct. 27	FLORIDA STATE	VANDERBILT (O)	S. MISS. (S)		at Ole Miss (O)
Nov. 3	at Ole Miss	LSU (J)	at Alabama (T)	RUTGERS	MEMPHIS ST.
Nov. 10	ALABAMA	at Tulane	at Auburn	NOTRE DAME	KENTUCKY
Nov. 17	MISSISSIPPI ST.	TENNESSEE (J)	at LSU	at Ole Miss (J)	at Air Force
Nov. 24	at Tulane	at Miss. St. (J)	OLE MISS (J)	at Kentucky	
Dec. 1				VANDERBILT	at Tennessee

1979 STANDINGS	Conference	Overall
Mississippi State	2-0-0	2-2-0
Alabama	1-0-0	4-0-0
LSU	1-0-0	3-1-0
Georgia	1-0-0	1-3-0
Tennessee	1-1-0	3-1-0
Kentucky	0-0-0	1-3-0
Auburn	0-1-0	3-1-0
Ole Miss	0-1-0	1-3-0
Vanderbilt	0-1-0	0-4-0
Florida	0-2-0	0-3-1

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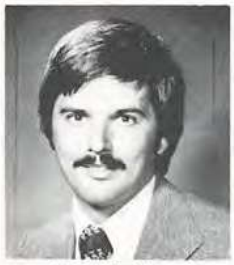

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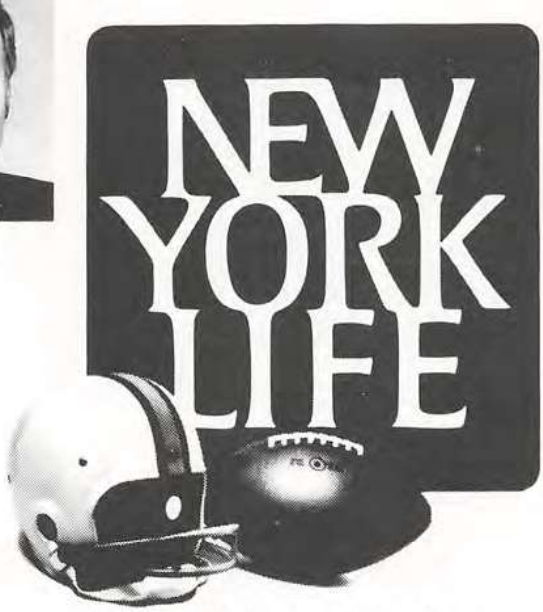

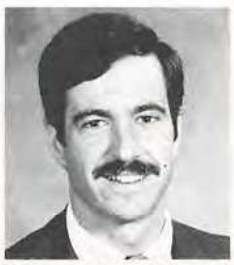

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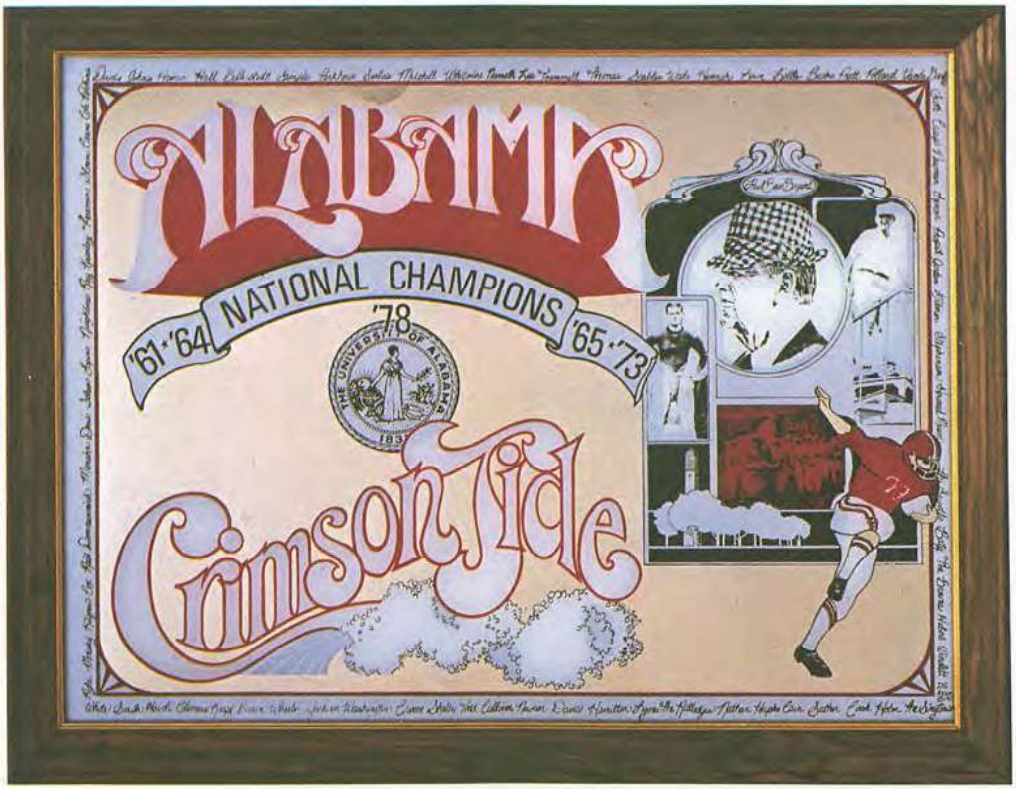

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